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## COLONEL KATHLEEN D. CLOSE

Colonel Close is commander, 377<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM. The wing's mission is to provide munitions maintenance, readiness and base operating support for the third largest installation in Air Force Materiel Command. The wing operates two munitions repair depots (at Kirtland AFB and Nellis AFB) and is host to approximately 200 associate units including the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Air Force Safety Center, Air Force Inspection Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Air Force Research Laboratories, 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, U.S. Department of Energy, and Sandia National Laboratories.



Colonel Close entered the Air Force in December 1978, accepting her commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. Immediately prior to coming to Kirtland Air Force Base, Colonel Close was the Inspector General for Air Force Materiel Command. Prior to that she had been an aircraft maintenance officer with increasing levels of responsibilities. The colonel's aircraft maintenance expertise includes the RF-4C, F-4E, E/F-111, F-16, F-117A, T-38, AT-38, T-1, T-43, T-37 and C-5.

### **EDUCATION:**

1978 - Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

1979 - Aircraft Maintenance Officers School, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

1981 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

1986 - Air Command and Staff College (seminar), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

1987 - Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

1994 - Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

1994 - Masters Degree in Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. March 1979 - July 1979, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

2. July 1979 - February 1980, Officer in Charge, Avionics Branch, 363rd Component Repair Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

3. February 1980 - December 1980, Assistant Officer in Charge, 62nd Aircraft

Maintenance Unit, 363rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

4. December 1980 - December 1982, Officer in Charge, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 363rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

5. December 1982 - May 1983, Maintenance Supervisor, 388th Component Repair Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

6. May 1983 - August 1985, Officer in Charge, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 388th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah

7. August 1985 - February 1986, Maintenance Supervisor, 86th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

8. February 1986 - July 1986, Officer in Charge, 526th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 86th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

9. July 1986 - December 1987, Chief, Manpower and Personnel Requirements, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Director of Maintenance, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

10. December 1987 - December 1988, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

11. December 1988 - December 1989, Deputy Chief, Commander-in-Chief/Joint Programs Issues Branch, Headquarters United States Air Force Programs and Resources Directorate, Washington, D.C.

12. December 1989 - May 1991, Chief, Legislative Liaison Logistics Branch, Secretary of the Air Force, Legislative Liaison, Washington, D.C.

13. May 1991 - August 1993, Assistant Executive Officer, Air Force Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C.

14. August 1993 - July 1994, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

15. July 1994 - July 1996, Commander, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, McClellan Air Force Base, California

16. July 1996 - July 1998, Commander, 12th Logistics Group, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

17. July 1998 - September 2000, Director, C-5 Maintenance, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

18. September 2000 – January 2002, Inspector General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

19. January 2002 - Present, Commander, 377<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Air Force Materiel, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant - December 2, 1978

First Lieutenant - March 15, 1981

Captain - March 15, 1983

Major - December 1, 1989

Lieutenant Colonel - June 1, 1993

Colonel - January 1, 1998

(Current as of January 2002)